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Rapid River News!

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(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

(Natural Resource related items)

- **Indian Country Today/LRBOI 'Nme.** Indian Country Today and other widely spread journals are carrying stories on the 'Nme Restoration Project being run by the LRBOI Natural Resources Depart under Director Jimmie Mitchell and Program Director, Naturalist Marty Holtgren. This project has captured national attention.
- **Consent Decree.** General media seem to agree that the recent signing of the Consent Decree affirming our tribal rights as guaranteed by the Treaty of 1836 is a good thing. Editorials from the region are positive. Coverage of these editorials will be in the next **Currents**. Observations by LRBOI tribal negotiators and other involved in this historic event will also appear in the tribal newspaper.

(Cultural related items)

- **Language Instructor needed.** There is need for a full-time Ojibwe Language Teacher job description at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy. It is being funded through an ANA grant for two years. Visit www.sagchip.org/hr for an application and contact information for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's Human Resources Department. CallToll Free: 1-800-225-8172 Ext. 1-54750
- **Ottawa Mannequins.** A project started almost two years ago is coming to an end. The Mannequins depicting true Ottawa Indians of this area are expected to be delivered from England at the end of the year. Several of our own Tribal Citizens modeled for the Mannequins. A full story will appear in **Currents**.

(General area items)

- **Gas Station/Convenience Store!** The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians announced a new BP branded site Convenience store and gas station will be built on tribal property located on US 31 by the M-22 intersection. This will be the latest economic enterprise of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The Convenience store will bring products and services to the North side of the city that will be appreciated by residents and visitors to the Little River Casino/Resort. The fuel supplier will be Blarney Castle Oil Company.
- **Power Updates.** Consumers Energy over the last two weeks, has shut down power to much of Manistee (including LRBOI government buildings) as part of an equipment upgrade. These shutdowns have been on late Friday evenings and early Saturday mornings. This has not affected operations during normal work hours.

(Emergency Management items)

- **Outside consultant.** An outside consultant with extensive tribal experience has been contacted to assist the Tribal Emergency Planning Committee. The consultant has been contacted to help with the next steps needed to bring the tribe's response system up to a point where it meets Federal government requirements and integrates properly with Michigan Department of Homeland Security.

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